AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-8 and 10-17 to read as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A digital information input system including an information generating apparatus for transferring information of a plurality of ~~data objects~~ files to an outside and an information processing apparatus, comprising:

identification information generating means for generating ~~second data identification~~ handle information which is independent of a logical ~~data~~ file management system existing in said information generating apparatus, on the basis of a data string ~~which is usable to uniquely specify each of the plurality of data objects and is extracted from first data identification information~~ of a file path which depends on the logical ~~data~~ file management system; and

identification information restoring means for restoring the ~~first data identification information~~ file path on the basis of the ~~second data identification~~ handle information to uniquely specify each of the plurality of ~~data objects~~ files in said information processing apparatus.

2.   (Currently Amended) An information generating apparatus for transferring information of a plurality of ~~data objects~~ files to an outside, comprising:

identification information generating means for generating ~~second data identification~~ handle information which is independent of a logical ~~data~~ file management system existing in said information generating apparatus, on the basis of a data string

~~which is usable to uniquely specify each of the plurality of data objects and is extracted~~ ~~from first data identification information~~ of a file path which depends on the logical ~~data~~ file management system; and

identification information restoring means for restoring the ~~first data~~ ~~identification information~~ file path on the basis of the ~~second data identification~~ handle information.

3.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising transmitting means for transmitting the ~~second data identification~~ handle information to the outside.

4.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising receiving means for receiving the ~~second data identification~~ handle information from the outside.

5.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the ~~second data identification~~ handle information is generated so as to include contents for specifying the plurality of ~~data objects~~ files and specifying a storing location of the plurality of ~~data objects~~ files in said logical ~~data~~ file management system.

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6.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the information generating apparatus is a digital camera or a digital video camera, wherein the plurality of ~~data objects~~ files are a plurality of files of image data captured by the digital camera or the digital video camera.

7.   (Currently Amended) An information managing method for a digital information input system including an information generating apparatus for transferring information of a plurality of ~~data objects~~ files to an outside and an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

generating ~~second data identification~~ handle information which is independent of a logical ~~data~~ file management system existing in the information generating apparatus, on the basis of a data string ~~which is usable to uniquely specify each of the plurality of data objects and is extracted from first data identification information~~ of a file path which depends on the logical ~~data~~ file management system; and

restoring the ~~first data identification information~~ file path on the basis of the ~~second data identification~~ handle information to uniquely specify each of the plurality of ~~data objects~~ files in the information processing apparatus.

8.   (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program stored in a computer-readable storage medium, comprising a program code causing a computer to control a digital information input system having an information generating apparatus for transferring information of a plurality of ~~data objects~~ files to an outside and an information

processing apparatus to perform a method of managing the information, the method comprising:

a process for generating ~~second data identification~~ handle information which is independent of a logical ~~data~~ file management system existing in the information generating apparatus, on the basis of a data string ~~which is usable to uniquely specify each of the plurality of data objects and is extracted from first data identification information~~ of a file path which depends on the logical ~~data~~ file management system; and

a process for restoring the ~~first data identification information~~ file path on the basis of the ~~second data identification~~ handle information to uniquely specify each of the plurality of ~~data objects~~ files in the information processing apparatus.

9.   (Original) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program according to claim 8.

10.   (Currently Amended) A digital information input system including an information generating apparatus for transferring information of a ~~data object~~ file to an outside and an information processing apparatus, comprising:

identification information generating means for generating ~~data object identification~~ handle information which is independent of a logical ~~data~~ file management system existing in said information generating apparatus, by executing a logical calculation of file path information of the ~~data object~~ file, wherein the file path information depends on the logical ~~data~~ file management system; and

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identification information restoring means for restoring the file path information of the data object on the basis of the ~~data object identification~~ handle information.

11.   (Currently Amended) An information generating apparatus for transferring information of a ~~data object~~ file to an outside, comprising:

identification information generating means for generating ~~data object identification~~ handle information which is independent of a logical ~~data~~ file management system, by executing a logical calculation of file path information of the ~~data object~~ file, wherein the file path information depends on the logical ~~data~~ file management system; and

identification information restoring means for restoring the file path information of the ~~data object~~ file on the basis of the ~~data object identification~~ handle information.

12.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising transmitting means for transmitting the ~~data object identification~~ handle information to the outside.

13.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising receiving means for receiving the ~~data object identification~~ handle information from the outside.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the ~~data object identification~~ handle information is generated so as to include contents for specifying the ~~data object~~ file and specifying a storing location of the ~~data object~~ file in the logical ~~data~~ file management system.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the information generating apparatus is a digital camera or a digital video camera and the ~~data object~~ file is a plurality of files of image data captured by the digital camera or the digital video camera.

16. (Currently Amended) An information managing method for a digital information input system including an information generating apparatus for transferring information of a ~~data object~~ file to an outside and an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

generating ~~data object identification~~ handle information which is independent of a logical ~~data~~ file management system existing in the information generating apparatus, by executing a logical calculation of file path information of the ~~data object~~ file, wherein the file path information depends on the logical ~~data~~ file management system; and

restoring the file path information of the ~~data object~~ file on the basis of the ~~data object identification~~ handle information.

17.   (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program stored in a computer-readable storage medium, comprising a program code causing a computer to control a digital information input system having an information generating apparatus for transferring information of a ~~data object~~ file to an outside and an information processing apparatus to perform a method of managing information, the method comprising:

a process for generating ~~data object identification~~ handle information which is independent of a logical ~~data~~ file management system existing in the information generating apparatus, by executing a logical calculation of file path information of the ~~data object~~ file, wherein the file path information depends on the logical ~~data~~ file management system; and

a process for restoring the file path information of the ~~data object~~ file on the basis of the ~~data object identification~~ handle information.

18.   (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program according to claim 17.

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